

## COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

19th February, 1952

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM MUNICIPAL WORKING RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF  
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT

30th JUNE, 1951

(RATES OF WAGE ARE QUOTED FROM THE LATEST AWARD, DETERMINATION OR AGREEMENT OPERATIVE  
ON 30th JUNE, 1951)

## ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
COOPERING -				
Cooper	232/-	40	217/-	40
FURNITURE -				
Cabinet Maker	230/-	0	217/-	0
Chairmaker	230/-	0	217/-	0
French Polisher	230/-	0	217/-	0
Wood Carver	230/-	0	217/-	0
Wood Machinist	230/-	0	207/-	214/-
SAWMILLING & TIMBER YDS. -				
Box and Case Maker	210/-	0	208/-	0
Labourer	194/-	0	208/-	0
Machinist -				
Bolts Carver	226/6	0	213/6	0
Moulding	201/6 to 226/6	0	188/- to 223/6	0
Planing	211/6 & 226/6	0	205/-	0
Shaping	226/6	0	213/6	0
Orderman	213/6	0	213/6	0
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	211/6 to 232/-	0	208/-	0
Circular	212/- & 221/6	0	209/-	0
Tallyman	211/6	0	206/-	0
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
BOILERMAKING -				
Boilermaker	232/-	40	217/-	40
Helper	203/-	0	203/-	0
Labourer	203/-	0	203/-	0
BRASSSTORMING -				
Finisher	217/- & 232/-	0	214/- & 229/-	0
Moulder	208/- to 232/-	0	205/- to 229/-	0
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -				
Armature Winder	232/-	0	227/-	0
Fitter	232/-	0	227/-	0
Linesman	229/-	0	217/-	0
Mechanic	232/-	0	229/-	0
Wireman	220/-	0	217/-	0
ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -				
Armature Winder	244/-	0	222/-	0
Instrument Maker	247/6	0	244/6	0
Linesman	236/-	0	217/-	0
Shift Electrician	244/-	0	229/-	0
INDUSTRY -				
Blacksmith	233/6	0	230/6	0
Brassfounder	217/- & 232/-	0	214/- & 229/-	0
Carpenter	233/6	0	230/6	0
Painter	232/-	0	229/-	0

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## DRAFT RATES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Cont'd.)</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>ENGINEERING - (Contd.)</u>				
Labourer	203/-	40	200/-	40
Pattersonmaker	245/-	0	222/-	0
Shaper	217/- & 232/-	0	214/- & 229/-	0
Striker	203/- & 235/-	0	200/- & 202/-	0
Turner	232/-	0	229/-	0
<u>FOULDING (IRON) -</u>				
Coremaker	208/- to 232/-	0	205/- to 229/-	0
Labourer	203/-	0	200/-	0
Moulder	208/- to 232/-	0	205/- to 229/-	0
<u>FOULDING (STEEL) -</u>				
Coremaker	232/-	0	229/-	0
Labourer	203/-	0	200/-	0
Moulder	232/-	0	229/-	0
<u>HEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	206/-	0	203/-	0
Machinist	202/-	0	199/-	0
Solderer	202/- & 206/-	0	199/- & 203/-	0
Tinsmith	217/- & 232/-	0	214/- & 229/-	0
<u>FOOD, DRINKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	235/-	40	238/-	38
Bread Carter (1 horse)	220/-	0	214/-	42
Ovenman	242/-	0	238/-	35
Single Hand	240/-	0	247/-	33
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	212/-	0	211/-	45
General Labourer	186/-	0	175/-	0
Mixer	201/- & 205/-	0	210/-	0
<u>BEWING -</u>				
Cellerman	214/- & 219/-	0	215/-	0
Driver (1 horse)	217/-	0	215/-	0
Labourer	214/-	0	215/-	0
Halt Hand	211/-	0	214/-	0
Towerman	219/-	0	222/-	0
<u>UTCHEMING (DETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	207/-	0	200/-	0
General Hand	225/-	0	224/-	0
Shopman	225/-	0	224/-	0
Smallgoodsman	230/-	0	227/-	0
<u>CONFETIONERY -</u>				
Journeyman	222/-	0	207/- to 213/-	0
Labourer	195/-	0	155/-	0
Storeman	198/- & 222/-	0	204/- to 221/-	0
<u>AL MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	198/-	0	195/-	0
Solderer	207/-	0	207/-	0
<u>EAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	232/-	0	245/-	0
Guillotine Hand	210/-	0	245/-	0
Jokerman	220/-	0	245/-	0
Packer	210/-	0	245/-	0
Seamer	232/-	0	245/-	0
<u>ILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	234/- to 259/-	0	234/- to 259/-	0
Packerman	219/-	0	219/-	0
Purifierman	222/-	0	222/-	0
Smutterman	222/-	0	222/-	0
Storeman (Head)	224/- & 229/-	0	224/- & 229/-	0
Toyman	222/-	0	222/-	0
<u>ASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	201/-	0	191/-	0
Pastycock	221/-	0	221/-	0

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ADULT MALES. (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Boots, etc.	220/-	40	220/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	305/-	0	255/-	0
Presser	220/-	0	220/-	0
Tailor	227/-	0	227/-	0
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	231/-	0	231/-	0
Presser	220/-	0	220/-	0
Tailor	227/-	0	227/-	0
Trimmer	220/-	0	220/-	0
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
(Woolmer Mills) -				
Carder	205/-	0	205/-	0
Dyehouseman	210/-	0	210/-	0
Labourer (General)	181/-	0	181/-	0
Scourer	210/- to 217/6	0	210/- to 217/6	0
Spinner	205/-	0	205/-	0
Tunker	198/- to 223/-	0	198/- to 226/-	0
Warper	207/-	0	207/-	0
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	238/-	40	232/-	40
Bookbinding (Journeyman)	238/-	0	232/-	0
Paper Ruler	238/-	0	232/-	0
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
<u>Compositor</u> -				
Day Work	306/- to 313/6	0	288/-	38
Night Work	321/- to 329/6	0	313/-	0
<u>Machinist</u> -				
Day Work	266/- to 278/6	0	292/6	40
Night Work	281/- to 294/6	0	317/6	38
<u>Publisher</u> - (Day & Night)	243/6 & 267/-	0	243/6 to 271/6	38 & 40
<u>Reader</u> -				
Day Work	273/6 to 281/-	0	288/-	40
Night Work	288/6 to 297/-	0	313/-	38
<u>Stereotyper</u> -				
Day Work	261/- to 273/6	0	268/-	39
Night Work	276/- to 289/6	0	313/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBBED OFFICES)</u> -				
<u>Compositor</u>	238/- to 248/6	0	235/- to 245/6	40
Linotype Operator	248/6	0	245/6	0
<u>Machinist</u>	238/-	0	235/-	0
<u>Reader</u>	241/6	0	238/6	0
<u>Stereotyper</u>	238/-	0	235/-	0
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>LOCKMAKING</u> -				
Burner	205/- & 210/-	40	210/-	40
Clayholeman	217/3	0	216/3	0
Drawer	223/-	0	216/3 & 220/3	0
Trucker	214/5	0	209/5	0
Setter	223/-	0	216/3 & 220/3	0
<u>ACHEMAKING</u> -				
Bodymaker	232/-	0	229/-	0
Labourer	183/-	0	180/-	0
Painter	205/6 to 226/6	0	202/6 to 223/6	0
Springmaker	232/-	0	229/-	0
Trimmer	226/6	0	223/6	0
Wheelwright	226/6	0	223/6	0

## ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

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	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)</u>				
	s. d.	s. d.		
<u>GAS-MINING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	208/-	40	198/-	40
Gasfitter	246/-	"	234/6	"
Labourer	195/-	"	192/-	"
Motor Tester	209/- to 218/-	"	235/-	"
Service Layer	224/-	"	215/-	"
Service Layer's Labourer	205/-	"	198/-	"
Stoker	219/-	"	210/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	230/-	"	229/-	"
Mounter	230/-	"	229/-	"
Setter	238/-	"	219/6	"
<u>SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING -</u>				
Collar Maker	220/-	"	217/-	"
Harness Maker	220/-	"	217/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Bodman	227/6	"	223/6	"
Labourer	203/6	"	200/6	"
Limeman	220/6	"	217/6	"
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Shaving	228/6 to 234/6	"	225/6 to 231/6	"
Splitting	234/6 to 241/6	"	231/6 to 236/6	"
Unhairing	227/6	"	224/6	"
Tableman	222/6 & 228/6	"	219/6 & 225/6	"
<u>BUILDING</u>				
Bricklayer	256/6	40	258/4	40
Carpenter	256/6	"	239/6	"
Mason (Stone)	244/-	"	246/6	"
Painter	238/-	"	258/4	"
Paperhanger	238/-	"	258/-	"
Signwriter	248/-	"	256/4	"
Plasterer	246/-	"	258/4	"
Plumber	247/-	"	258/4	"
<u>Labourer - +</u>				
Bricklayer's	205/6	"	202/6	"
Carpenter's	205/6	"	202/6	"
Concrete Worker	205/6	"	202/6	"
Earth Excavator	205/6	"	202/6	"
Gear Worker	214/6	"	211/6	"
Scaffold Hand	214/6	"	211/6	"
<u>RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
1st Class	270/- & 273/-	£	255/- to 270/-	£
2nd Class	26/-	£	252/-	£
3rd Class	255/-	£	243/-	£
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	223/- & 226/-	£	213/- to 220/-	£
2nd Class	220/-	£	207/-	£
3rd Class	215/-	£	201/-	£
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	240/-	£	236/6	£
2nd Class	231/- & 234/-	£	219/- to 230/6	£
3rd Class	226/- & 228/-	£	219/- to 230/6	£
<u>Porter -</u>				
Shunter	197/- to 228/-	£	194/6 to 229/-	£
1st Class	233/- & 243/-	*	235/- & 238/-	*
2nd Cl	226/6 & 231/6	*	227/6 & 230/6	*
3rd Class	209/- to 225/-	*	208/- & 217/6	*

\* Rates exclude allowances for statutory holidays, following the job, and sick pay.

## ADULT RATES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)</u>		s. d.		s. d.
Signalman -				
1st Class	255/-		*	241/6
2nd Class	247/-		∅	228/6
3rd Class	239/-		∅	220/6
RAILWAYS -				
Conductor -				
1st Year	198/-		∅	200/-
2nd Year	207/-		∅	206/-
3rd Year	207/-		∅	206/-
Labourer	188/-		∅	194/-
Maintenance Man	197/- & 200/-		∅	203/-
Motorman -				
1st Year	210/-		∅	200/-
2nd Year	210/-		∅	206/-
3rd Year	210/-		∅	206/-
Pitman	213/-		∅	214/-
*	76 hours per fortnight.		∅	80 hours per fortnight.
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE</u> -				
Carter -				
1 Horse	206/-	40	200/6	40
2 Horses	211/-	"	208/6	"
Stable Hand	205/6 & 210/6	"	195/-	"
<u>Motor Lorries &amp; Waggons</u> -				
Under 3 tons	208/- to 218/-	"	205/6 & 214/6	"
3 tons and over	222/- to 226/-	"	219/-	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR</u> -				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	6/5d		6/5d	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>TELS</u> -				
Barman	210/-	40	207/-	40
Billiard Marker	200/-	"	197/-	"
Cook	210/- to 250/-	"	207/- to 250/-	"
Handyman	200/-	"	197/-	"
Kitcherman	200/-	"	197/-	"
Porter	200/-	"	197/-	"
Waiter	200/- & 210/-	"	197/- & 207/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING</u> -				
Full Hand	230/-	"	235/6	"
Hairdresser	220/-	"	216/-	"
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING</u> -				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	217/- & 223/6	40	214/- & 220/6	40
2nd Class	212/- & 217/-	"	209/- & 214/-	"
Firman -				
1st Class	212/-	"	209/-	"
2nd Class	207/-	"	204/-	"
<u>MUNICIPAL</u> -				
Labourer	203/-	"	196/-	"
Street Sweeper	203/-	"	202/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS</u> -				
Boot Salesman	222/-	"	214/-	"
Drapery Salesman	222/-	"	214/-	"
Furniture Salesman	222/-	"	217/-	"
Grocery Salesman	222/-	"	210/-	"
Hardware Salesman	222/-	"	214/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	222/-	"	214/-	"
<u>DRIVERS AND PACKERS</u> -				
Carrier (General)	212/6 & 215/6	"	208/-	"
Foreman (General)	211/- & 213/6	"	206/-	"

ADULT FEMALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>FOOD</u>				
	s. a.		s. a.	
Biscuit Making	137/3	40	152/3	40
Confectionery	148/-	"	146/3	"
<u>CLOTHING &amp; TEXTILES</u>				
Bootmaking	150/-	40	150/-	40
Dressmaking	135/6 & 165/6	"	135/6 & 165/6	"
Millinery	135/6	"	135/6	"
Shirt Making	135/6	"	135/6	"
Underclothing	135/6 to 165/6	"	135/6 to 165/6	"
<u>TAILORING - ORDER</u>				
Machinist (Coat)	165/6	"	165/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	153/-	"	153/-	"
Tailorress (Coat)	181/6	"	181/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	153/-	"	153/-	"
<u>TAILORING - READYMADE</u>				
Machinist (Coat)	155/6	"	155/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	150/6	"	150/6	"
Tailorress (Coat)	155/6	"	155/6	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	150/6	"	150/6	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN HILLS</u>				
Comb Minder	149/-	"	149/-	"
Drawer & Mender	148/- & 151/-	"	148/- & 151/-	"
Warper	151/-	"	151/-	"
Weaver (Loom)	154/-	"	154/-	"
Gillbox Minder	148/-	"	148/-	"
Other Adult	136/-	"	136/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u>				
Folder	159/-	40	159/6	40
Sewer	159/-	"	156/6	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX</u>				
Boxmaker	157/- & 163/6	"	154/6 & 161/-	"
Other	147/6 to 159/6	"	145/6 to 157/-	"
<u>PRINTING</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	159/-	"	159/-	"
<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>				
<u>HOTELS</u>				
Barmaid	165/-	40	205/-	40
Housemaid	149/-	"	146/-	"
Laundress	153/-	"	151/-	"
Waitress	149/- & 155/-	"	146/6 & 153/6	"
<u>SHOPS</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	157/- & 222/-	"	148/-	"
Drapery Saleswoman	157/- & 222/-	"	148/- & 224/-	"